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SUBJ: HORSEED ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

HORSEED, SEPT. 20 CARRIED THREE ARTICLES ON THE INDIAN OCEAN IN ITALIAN SECTION. FRONT PAGE HEADLINE -"PRESIDENT SIYAD: SOMALIA DESIRES THE INDIAN OCEAN TO BE A ZONE OF PEACE." PAGE THREE HEADLINES ARE - "PEACE AND SECURITY FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN" AND "INDIAN OCEAN: INVENTION AND REALITY." EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE - "PEACE AND SECURITY FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN" AS FOLLOWS: (BEGIN EXCERPTS) - THE ALARMS AND PROTESTS OF AFRO-ASIAN COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO THE INCREASING ACTIVITIES OF IMPERIALIST FORCES, PARTICULARLY AGAINST ANGLO-AMERICAN MILITARY STRATEGISTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED.

ALREADY IN THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A WELL-PLANNED SYSTEM OF MILITARY BASES WHICH SERVE AS SUPPORT FOR SABOTAGE AGAINST STRUGGLING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND TO DENY THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION TO COUNTRIES IN THE ZONE...

THE AMERICANS CONFIRMED, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR U.S. DISARMAMENT AGENCY, MR. O. ZURCHELLEN FEBRUARY 21, OF THIS YEAR TO A U.S. CONGRESS SUB COMMITTEE: "...THERE EXIST SUFFICIENT REASONS FOR THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN WAR SHIPS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, TO INDEPENDENTLY COUNTER-BALANCE WHAT THE SOVIET NAVAL FLEETS IN THE ZONE MAY OR MAY NOT DO..."

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IT IS NATURAL THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF A COLLECTIVE SECURITY

SYSTEM WHICH GIVES ASSURANCE AND WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY ALL COUNTRIES IN THIS ZONE, THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD ASSUME THE TASK OF ASSURING ITS CONTROL IN THE ZONE SO THAT NO ONE SHOULD ALONE EXERCISE CONTROL, AND IN ORDER THAT NO ONE PUTS OBSTACLES ON MERCHANT SHIPS, FISHING BOATS, AND THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHIPS. PEACE REMAINS STILL UNSTABLE AND THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET WAR SHIPS HAVE QUITE OFTEN PLAYED THE ROLE OF A STABILIZER...

THE SOVIET UNION MAINTAINS NO SPECIAL MILITARY OR NAVAL BASES IN ANY PLACE AND IT DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY. IN BRIEF, THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER THREATENED ANY COUNTRY AND WILL NEVER THREATEN ANY COUNTRY; HERE IS NO PROVEN SITUATION IN WHICH THE SOVIET UNION ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH OR IMPOSE ITS SUPREMACY ON THE SEAS IN ORDER TO EXERCISE A POLICY OF MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE LITTORAL COUNTRIES. THE USSR POSITION IN REGARD TO THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET NAVY IN THE OCEANS WAS MADE CLEAR BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CC OF THE PCSU, L. I. BREZHNEV WHO SAID: "WE NEVER BELIEVED AND WILL NEVER BELIEVE IT AN IDEAL SITUATION IN WHICH THE MILITARY FLEETS OF THE BIG POWERS CRUISE VERY DISTANT COASTS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES. WE ARE READY TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM, BUT TO RESOLVE IT ON EQUAL FOOTING..."

UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS COULD WE ACHIEVE A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM? IT IS CLEAR-CUT THAT NO UNILATERAL DECISIONS COULD ACHIEVE ANYTHING TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. THE QUESTION TOUCHES THE INTERESTS OF MANY COUNTRIES AND CONSEQUENTLY AND LOGICALLY ITS SOLUTION SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED
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